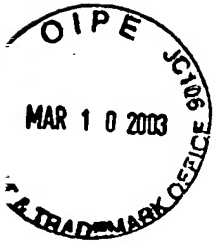


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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed December 30, 2003, please amend the hereinabove referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

✓ On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 31 with the following paragraph:

A1
A seat cushion in accordance with the present invention generally includes a pair of generally flat pads for supporting a user's buttocks and a hinged handle disposed between the pads for carrying said seat cushion.

✓ On page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 1 with the following paragraph:

A2
Arms, interconnecting the pads and said hinged handle, are provided for holding the pads in a spaced apart relationship and enabling grasping of said hinged handle by the user. The arms are of sufficient flexibility for enabling the pads to be oriented in both a planar relationship for supporting the user's buttocks and a ~~coplanar~~ parallel planer relationship for enabling transport of said seat cushion by the hinged handle.

✓ On page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 9 with the following paragraph:

A3
More particularly, the hinged handle and arms are recessed from a top of each of the pads for enabling the user's coccyx to depend between the pads in order to prevent pressure on the coccyx. Preferably the pads, arms and hinged handle are integrally molded, however the handle and arms may be separately attached.

✓ On page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 16 with the following paragraph:

A4 More specifically, the arms include forearms and aftarms each joined to opposite ends of said hinged handle and each of the pads include an arcuate forward perimeter, the forward perimeters been joined by the forearms.

✓ On page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 21 with the following paragraph:

A5 In order to facilitate portability means may be provided for releasably holding the pads in the ~~ee-~~planparallel plane relationship.

✓ On page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 29 with the following paragraph:

A6 Figure 1 is a pictorial representation showing the seat cushion in accordance with the present invention with two pads disposed in a ~~eeplanar~~parallel plane relationship for enabling easy transport by a fan;

✓ On page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 34 with the following paragraph:

A7 Figure 2 is a perspective view of the seat cushion in accordance with the present invention with the two generally flat pads for supporting a user's buttocks shown in a ~~eeplanar~~parallel plane relationship;

✓ On page 4, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 25 with the following paragraph:

AG With reference to Figures 1 and 2, there is shown a seat cushion 10 in accordance with the present invention which generally includes a pair of generally flat pads 12, 14, shown oriented in a ~~coplanar~~ parallel plane relationship for enabling transport of the seat cushion by a user, such as a sports fan 18, by a hinged handle 20 disposed between the pads 12, 14, the handle 20 having a hinge 22 molded therein, see Figure 3.

✓ On page 5, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 1 with the following paragraph:

AG More particularly, forearms 24, 26 and aft arms 30, 32 interconnect the pads 12, 14 and hinged handle 20 with the pads held in a spaced apart relationship for enabling grasping of the hinged handle 20 by the user. The arms 24, 26, 30, 32 are flexible for enabling the pads 12, 14 to be oriented in both a planar relationship, as shown in Figure 3 for supporting the user's buttocks and a ~~coplanar~~ parallel plane relationship, shown in Figures 1 and 2, for enabling transport of the seat cushion 10 by the hinged handle 20.

✓ On page 5, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 17 with the following paragraph:

AD As shown in Figure 3, and more clearly in Figure 5, the arms 24, 26, 30, 32 are recessed from a top 42, 44 of pads 12, 14 respectively for enabling the user's coccyx

AD (not shown) to depend between the pads 22, 14 in order to prevent pressure on the coccyx, not shown. The hinged handle 20 is also recessed and the pads, arms and hinged handle may be integrally molded.
